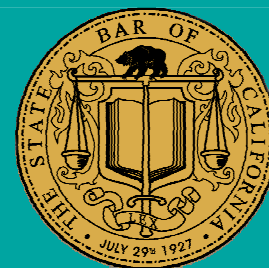


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California Young Lawyers Association The State Bar of California

*Representing and advocating the interests and needs of the young
and new lawyer members of The State Bar of California.*



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2007

FEBRUARY

28th - SDCBA General Meeting
and CLE on Taking a Case from
Complaint to Mediation at 12:00
p.m. at the Bar Center

MARCH

1st - March iTAP 2007 -
Designed for attorney w/ little or
no trial experience - trial
advocacy instruction (@ LACBA
Mock Courtroom)

8th - LACBA 2007 Annual Labor
and Employment Law
Symposium (@ Biltmore Hotel)

14th - SDCBA Law Student
Program: Professionalism in the
Legal Profession at 5:30 p.m. at
the Bar Center

18th - OCBA Hockey Night Ducks
vs. Kings.

22nd - OCBA YLD Education
"Litigation" Seminar

28th - SDCBA General Meeting
and CLE, topic TBA at 12:00
p.m. at the Bar Center

30th - LACBA Deposition Skills
Workshop (@ LACBA Conference
Center - Mock Courtroom)

30th - Witness Examination
Workshop (@ LACBA Conference
Center - Mock Courtroom)

30th - SDCBA YNLD Happy Hour
venue and time TBA

MAY

3rd-5th - ABA-YLD Spring
Conference, Montreal, Quebec

JUNE

New Admittee Swearing-in
Ceremonies

AUGUST

9th-11th - ABA-YLD Annual
Meeting. San Francisco.

You Need to Know:

CYLA Board of Directors Election

In 2007, five seats on the California Young Lawyers Association (CYLA) Board of Directors will be up for election. Districts 2, 3, 4 each have one open seat and District 7 has two open seats.

District 2: Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Napa, Sacramento, Solano, Sonoma, Tuolumne and Yolo counties

District 3: Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties

District 4: Marin and San Francisco counties

District 7: Los Angeles county

Any active member of the CYLA who maintains his or her principal office for the practice of law within the State Bar district in which there is a vacancy is eligible to run for a seat on the board. Lawyer members are elected for three-year terms and will assume their offices at the conclusion of the 2007 Annual Meeting. For more information and pertinent deadlines visit the [CYLA Election web page](#).



Jack Berman Award of Achievement

In 1992 CYLA established the Award of Achievement for Distinguished Service to the Profession and the Public to recognize the achievements in public service of a young lawyer or a lawyer who is in their first five years of practice. The following year the award was renamed in memory of Jack Berman, a young lawyer who was killed in the 1993 shooting at 101 California Street, San Francisco. Mr. Berman demonstrated outstanding service to the profession and the public by providing substantial pro bono legal assistance.

Please visit the [CYLA Programs & Services web page](#) to learn about past recipients of the Jack Berman Award and to download Nomination Form and Award Criteria.



Meet Sheldon Sloan – 82nd President of the State Bar of California



The practice of law can seem a hostile and sometimes uncivilized world for new bar members, particularly in contrast to the cozy confines of academia. Count Los Angeles attorney Sheldon Sloan, who was sworn in October 7, 2006 as the 82nd president of The State Bar of California, as one lawyer who is working to change that.

Shortly after being sworn into office by Chief Justice Ronald M. George, as the highlight of the State Bar's annual conference in Monterey, Sloan issued a call to arms to bolster the level of professionalism and civility among members of the California bar. "We will create our own code of professionalism and civility and seek to have all lawyers, firms and public offices up and down the State of California sign on to abide by those common courtesy rules," Sloan announced. "And, while we are at it, we will seek to have the same folks sign our already developed

California

16th - OCBA New Member Reception

SEPTEMBER

27th-30th - State Bar Annual Meeting Anaheim, California

DECEMBER

New Admittee Swearing-in Ceremonies

[Submit Your Calendar Item](#)



CLE CALENDARS:

- ▶ State Bar of California
- ▶ Bar Association of San Francisco
- ▶ Orange County Bar Association
- ▶ Los Angeles County Bar Association
- ▶ San Diego County Bar Association

[Submit Your CLE Calendar Link](#)



USEFUL LINKS:

- ABA-Young Lawyers Division
- California Barrister Organizations
- Ethics Hotline
- Lawyer Assistance Program
- Legal Research
- MCLE Compliance Information
- Member Service Center



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Diversity Pledge and Pro Bono Pledge as well." There has been a "breakdown in civility," according to Sloan. "You can practice law and do a good job for a client without being aggressive and rude and causing a lot of trouble for everybody."

Calling for a more courteous bar was hardly Sloan's only nod to the demands of being a practicing lawyer, especially for young lawyers. Sloan said the Board of Governors is working towards several long-term goals to improve both the services California attorneys provide and the quality of life for those California attorneys: "We are looking into insurance products, making our real estate holdings more efficient and examining a long list of goods and services to be made available with cost savings and/or increased benefit for our members.

Sloan likewise intends to pick up the mantle left by his two predecessors in highlighting "pipeline" issues for attracting young people to the Bar. "Two years ago, President John Van de Kamp spoke of 'pipeline' issues. This last year, under President Jim Heiting's guidance, we developed a set of programs for approaching young people and getting them involved in the law. These programs are designed at their core to give hope to the economically disadvantaged young people in pursuit of a career in the law, and to encourage those already in the law to become involved in the State Bar."

This, of course, is where the California Young Lawyers Association comes into play. Sloan is a firm believer in the importance of Bar participation, not just as a civic duty, but also as a resource for young lawyers to develop their careers. Sloan has seen from personal experience that junior lawyers frequently meet future employers, mentors, and client sources through their participation in the Bar, and singles out CYLA as one of the very best resources within the Bar for young lawyers.

Sloan, 70, brings to the Bar presidency the experience and wisdom that comes with a distinguished and diverse career in the law. A graduate of UCLA and the University of Southern California School of Law, Sloan served in the Department of Justice under Robert F. Kennedy. Sloan was appointed to the Municipal Court (now Superior Court) in 1973 by then-Governor Ronald Reagan, and currently is Government Affairs Counsel to the law firm Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith. Sloan has held leadership positions with the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, California Science Center, and Coro Foundation of Southern California.

CYLA congratulates Sloan on becoming the Bar's 82nd President and looks forward to working with him and the rest of the Board of Governors in addressing the issues important to CYLA's members.



A Message from CYLA President Ken Wentz

As a four-year member of the California Young Lawyers Association (CYLA), I am proud of the organization not only because of what it has accomplished, but what it promises to young lawyers in the future. Membership in CYLA is automatic and free for lawyers in their first five years of active practice or age 36 and under.

CYLA offers MCLE programs at each annual meeting geared towards the interests of new and young lawyers. I encourage you all to attend this year's annual meeting in Anaheim. For more information, please visit the [2007 Annual Meeting web page](#).

CYLA also honors one of its members through the Jack Berman Award presented by Chief Justice Ronald George at the State Bar Annual Meeting. The Jack Berman Award provides recognition for contributions by a young lawyer to the profession and his or her community. The [application](#) is available now, with a deadline of March 30, 2007.

This year, CYLA is committed to exploring the needs and desires of our constituents, and using that information to help develop new programs and services. Keep your eyes open for a survey from CYLA, which will be sent to random CYLA members. Once the survey results are compiled, CYLA will analyze the results and formulate programming and services specifically tailored to meet the expressed needs and wants of our members.

CYLA is also improving the connection between young lawyers and section and specialty groups within the State Bar of California. CYLA is actively working to establish a young lawyer's liaison to the Solo and Law Practice Management Practice Sections of the State Bar with the ultimate goals of cultivating relationships between young lawyers and their more senior colleagues, as well as updating and improving CYLA's "Opening a Law Office" publication.

CYLA recognizes that President Sloan's Civility Program is important to the profession as a whole. CYLA intends to promote this program through outreach with local Barrister's Associations. Through outreach, CYLA also hopes to recruit constituent members to its committees. offer valuable leadership training and experience. and more effectively

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[State Bar District Map](#)

communicate the services that it and the State Bar offer young lawyers. CYLA is always looking for volunteers and members eager to get involved in the State Bar of California. If you would like to become involved in CYLA or in the State Bar, please feel free to [email](#) me or visit [CYLA's website](#).



Local Bar Programs in the Spotlight:

BASF Law Academy Mentorship Program

THE PROGRAM

The Law Academy Mentoring Program offers attorneys and other professionals in the legal community the opportunity to mentor high school students attending Balboa and Mission High Schools. Mentors are an integral part of the students' education in resume writing, public speaking, interview training, working in a professional environment, and general legal principles. The program culminates with the students interviewing for summer jobs in law offices around San Francisco.

THE DETAILS

Mentors meet with students on a weekly basis at one of the high schools for one class period. Teachers from each school will have a curriculum already set for each class period, and mentors receive a copy of the full curriculum before the classes start.

THE PEOPLE

If you are interested in learning more about the program, please visit our page on the BASF website: http://www.sfbbar.org/barristers/committees_lawacademy.aspx.

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